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Dorm alarm covers must be removed

◆ **State fire marshal says homemade cases on fire alarms were not approved before installation 20 years ago**

BY JOHN STAMPER

The state fire marshal's office is asking Western to remove coverings from fire pull

stations across campus, said Carvon Hudson, assistant state fire marshal.

Hudson said an inspector was on campus Monday to examine the coverings which could not be broken by students during a Nov. 19 fire in Gilbert Hall. The fire alarm was not sounded until campus police arrived and broke the covering with a night stick five minutes after the fire was discovered.

The inspector "identified the boxes as homemade, and they have to be removed," Hudson said.

Housing Director Kit Tolbert said she was told Western would have the option to remove the covers or keep them on.

"We don't have to remove them because they are out of code," Tolbert said. "But if the state fire marshal's office wants them removed, we will."

In a written response to questions from the Herald, Hudson said his office did not approve the covers on manual fire alarm pull stations in Western's dorms.

"This department does require all systems to be tested and approved prior to installation and use," he wrote.

The university does not know the exact date when the covers were installed, but Tolbert said

they have been here for about 20 years.

According to Tolbert, the university has not received the fire marshal's report, but they expect to have it by the end of the week.

"Once we have a report from the fire inspector, we have to prepare a plan of action for him, and we will take it from there."

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Chad Stevens/Herald

Final steps: Louisville senior Brad McAlister walks to his fraternity house yesterday. McAlister said he is glad this semester is almost over, but he still has a lot to go. "Step by step, I'll get it knocked out," he said.

Book on private offers closes

BY STEPHEN LEGA

About two years ago, a serious move to renovate the College Heights Bookstore was started, according to Paul McDougal.

"The store was opened in 1970," said McDougal, the bookstore's director. "It was a store at that time that was as modern as any bookstore in the country. But times change."

McDougal said he and the management at the bookstore designed a plan to make modifications in the store.

Earlier this week, a special committee selected the bookstore management's proposal for renovations over proposals submitted by three private companies — Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, Inc., Follett College Stores, Inc. and Wallace's Bookstores, Inc.

"Naturally, I'm excited about it," McDougal said.

John Osborne, committee chairman and assistant vice president for Finance and Administration, said the bookstore management put together an impressive proposal.

"They were going up against some extremely tough competition," he said. "These companies are experts in this business."

University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said the committee had to choose between four strong proposals.

"Usually one or two stand out ... but in this case they were all good," she said.

Wilkins said she sat in on the committee meetings as the legal adviser to the committee but did not have a vote on the proposals.

"I feel like they kind of wanted to give the home team a shot at it," she said.

Osborne said the committee reached a unanimous decision to accept the proposal submitted by the bookstore management

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Web overload may prompt porn restrictions

BY SHANNON BACK

Early in November, Academic Computing discovered the server was overloaded because vast amounts of people were accessing student web pages at Western.

After investigating the cause of the overload, computer assistants determined that the pages accessed the most contained pictures of pornography and other explicit material.

Dave Parrott, Residence Life director, said the university would not have been aware of the material if the overload had not occurred.

Parrott said it is not against university policy to publish this type of material on the World

Wide Web as long as the pages are registered.

Academic Computing cannot keep count of the number of

home pages if they aren't registered, and Parrott said many of these pages were not.

Web page access for students is free. However, Western can regulate the material if problems, like the overload, occur.

"We want people to know they can use these pictures and it is their First Amendment right," he said.

"But the university needs to use more free speech to respond."

Parrott and Howard Bailey,

"If the material causes problems for the university, such as the servers' overload, we can restrict it."

— Dave Parrott
Residence Life director

dean of Student Life, are responding by making students who are involved with the overload aware of the consequences.

"Any material that creates a high usage of the server slows

down the overall campus' ability to use the World Wide Web," Bailey said.

"If the material causes problems for the university, such as

the servers' overload, we can restrict it.

"The courts have held that universities can place time, manner and place restriction on freedom of speech,"

The only issues being dealt with were those pertaining to student rights and equipment access, he said.

"We want the campus as a whole to respect everyone's need to use this equipment," he said. "They should try not to take any action which hampers others from exercising the same privilege."

Parrott said cases were being handled individually and restrictions would be made only if the page impeded others' ability to use the Web.

Diversions



Flip, dial and talk.
Cell phones becoming more popular.
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New Level

Plan working for incoming freshmen, but not implemented in other areas.
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Basketball



The Hilltoppers defeated Duquesne last night 89-82.
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Rainy, cloudy December start for the Hill



Tomorrow will have scattered showers with a high of 53 degrees and a low of 34.

Saturday will also have rain with a high of 45 and a low of 36.

Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with a high of 44 and a low of 26.

Finals week will begin with a sunny Monday. The high will be 48 and the low 26.



♦ Campus line

Minority Student Services presents "Decoding Your Professors & Getting The Most From Your Academic Advisers" at 3 today in Potter Hall, Room 425. For more information, contact Phyllis Gatewood at 745-5066.

Yoga class meets at 5:30 today in Garrett Center, Room 100. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 7 tonight in Page Hall Auditorium. For more information, contact Janie Mullis at 796-3118.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ meet at 8 tonight in the Baptist Student Center. For more information, contact Tracy Wilson at 745-4432.

Health Occupations Students of America meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Downing University Center, Room 349. For more information, contact Robert Fulton at 745-3891.

Country Line Dancing meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Garrett, Room 204. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

Young Democrats meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Andy Spears at 745-4768 or Stephanie Cosby at 745-4801.

The Preston Center and the Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Center are sponsoring a snow skiing trip to Park City, Utah on Jan. 6. For more information, contact Will Perkins at 745-6545.



Rami Maalouf/Herald

Ring leader: Owensboro senior Antwan Floyd receives a massage treatment from massage therapist Wilson Whitehead on Tuesday afternoon at Downing University Center. The event was sponsored by the Student Health and Wellness Center to relieve student stress as the end of the semester nears.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ Lowell W. Shank, Thompson Complex Central Wing, reported Nov. 25 electronic balances, valued at \$12,575, stolen since Nov. 22 from the chemistry department.

♦ Theresa Gerard, Garrett Center, reported Nov. 25 the men's bathroom in Garrett lobby vandalized since Nov. 22.

♦ Scott J. Bowman, Butler Way, reported Nov. 26 a wall phone, valued at \$25, broken in the tunnel under Van Meter Hall.

♦ Jack T. Kindlesparker, Gilbert Hall, reported his rear sliding window, valued at \$80, broken and a CD player, valued at \$130, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Charles E. Clayton, Schneider Hall, reported his convertible top, valued at \$600, cut

Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Amanda F. Gardner, McLean Hall, reported her convertible top, valued at \$500, cut and amplifier, valued at \$229, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Aaron W. McKnight, Trace Drive, reported his back sliding window, valued at \$100, broken and CDs, CD player and radar detector, valued at \$990, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Kenneth K. Barrackman, Gilbert, reported his convertible top, valued at \$1,650, cut and CD player, tapes and radar detector, valued at \$415, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Jason M. Pickrell, Rodes-Harlin, reported his CD player and speakers, valued at \$1,462, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Mark and Susan Zimmerman, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported two bicycles, valued at

\$280, stolen Nov. 26 from the front of the building.

♦ James S. Gibson, Gilbert, reported his speakers and CDs, valued at \$1,400, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Malcom K. Wyatt, Schneider, reported his glasses and speakers, valued at \$508, stolen Nov. 26 in the parking structure.

♦ Melvin J. Wisham, Poland Hall, reported \$80 used Nov. 26 from his Big Red Card.

♦ Jesse L. Frost, Rodes-Harlin, reported his radar detector and CDs, valued at \$435, stolen and CD player and dash, valued at \$450, damaged Nov. 27 in the parking structure.

♦ Andi D. Cailles, Barnes-Campbell, reported several light fixtures, valued at \$200, broken Sunday in the third floor restroom.

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Failing hoods leave chemistry staff fuming

BY SHANNON BACK

For the last several years, the fume hoods, which remove harmful vapors from the air, in Western's chemistry labs have been deteriorating.

Robert Holman, a chemistry associate professor, said he has noticed a significant change in the hoods' performance during the eight years he has taught at Western.

"The hoods have gone from a reasonable system to a practically not-functioning hood system," he said.

University Architect Paul Morgan said all of the hoods draw some air, but some do not draw air in at recommended rates of cubic feet per minute.

Morgan said replacing the hoods is not in reach for university maintenance and an outside contractor must be hired for projects of this magnitude.

"This problem is larger than I am," Morgan said. "I don't do projects over \$100,000."

Budget analyst Sarah Price estimated the cost to be at least \$1 million.

Lowell Shank, chemistry department head, said although the university was notified in March 1996 they had received state funding to replace the hoods, action cannot be taken until an architect is hired.

Morgan said after state funding is received, it is usually a five month process to form a committee and select an architect.

It has taken the state and university longer than usual to put a committee together.

Nine months into the selection process, Morgan said the five-person committee will meet in late January to discuss possible contractors. The committee is made up of two Western personnel, Morgan and chemistry Professor David Hartman, two state employees and a person from the public who is selected by the state.

During the committee's two meetings, they will select three

possible contractors and then at the second meeting the architects will make oral presentations, Morgan said. The committee will then choose the contractor.

Holman said faculty had no choice but to respond to the hood problem by cutting back on

"One day early last semester we had to open all the windows just to stay in the lab."

— Jennifer Lash
Bowling Green junior

experiments.

"Since we can't remove the fumes, we have tried to reduce the amount," he said. "We are using a micro scale, which is one-tenth what it used to be. We did this eight years ago, but even that isn't sufficient anymore."

Paducah senior David Wilks

said he has seen a dramatic difference in the way chemistry is taught now compared to when he was a freshman.

"I was a student in this class a year ago," said Wilks, a teaching assistant. "I can tell a big difference in just one year. You're education is definitely affected. We can't do some of the experiments we did last year."

Holman said some experiments have been taken out of the curriculum because of safety reasons.

"We have tried several things to keep experiments going," he said. "We've doubled and even quadrupled student groups. Sometimes, though, we have to remove the experiment altogether."

Bowling Green junior Jennifer Lash said her class still tries to perform experiments despite difficulties.

"One day early last semester we had to open all the windows just to stay in the lab," she said. "It was 30 degrees outside, but

that was the only way we could do it."

This determination, Holman said, is what puts Western's chemistry department in a league of its own.

"Only half of the experiments are done in that lab," he said. "The instrumental side of chemistry distinguishes our program from other chemistry programs."

The chemistry department will be safer when the fume hoods are replaced, Lash said.

"You won't have to leave here with headaches anymore," she said. "You just feel sick when you leave here."

The chemistry department is doing well competitively on the national level, but new hoods will greatly improve the program, Holman said.

"When the hoods are replaced the educational quality will be higher," he said. "Because the students will be able to perform more experiments and learn things they otherwise would not."

Gunman abducts former student, drives to Indiana

BY JOHN STAMPER

Nobody gave anything to Courtney Marchal on Thanksgiving — they only took.

Authorities are looking for a man who held the former Western student at gunpoint for more than five hours while driving himself to Indianapolis in her car.

"I thought I was going to die," said Marchal, 19, of Louisville.

Marchal was driving back to her Bowling Green home Nov. 26 after eating Thanksgiving dinner with her family when she stopped at a gas station in Park City to use the rest room. As she stopped at a stop sign, an unknown man with a gun opened her passenger door and took a

seat after throwing her clothes out the door.

Five hours, a gunshot and a black eye later, Marchal's abductor got out of her car after getting lost in downtown Indianapolis. Marchal sustained no injuries other than the black eye.

"He said 'Happy Thanksgiving' when he got out," she said. "He was on something. He was insane."

Marchal said she never again wants to see the 40- to 45-year-old man she described as greasy and dirty.

"He has a blank check with my address, but the police convinced me there is very little chance that he would try to find me," she said.

The police, however, would like

to find Marchal's abductor. She will be meeting today with officials to make a composite sketch of the abductor to be placed on flyers throughout Indianapolis.

According to a Kentucky State Police press release, officials have no suspect in the case.

Even if her abductor is not caught, Marchal said her life will not be the same.

"It makes me appreciate things a lot more," she said. "I'm just glad to be alive."

For now, her main goal is to get back in school. After attending Western as a freshman in 1995, she dropped out of school because of money problems.

"I'm trying to work my way back into college," she said.

Safety tips for travelers

- ◆ Stay on main roads that are clearly marked.
- ◆ Plan your travel route before leaving.
- ◆ Always keep your doors locked.
- ◆ Call someone at your destination and tell them when you are leaving and when you will be arriving.
- ◆ Make sure your car is full of gas.
- ◆ Carry a flashlight.
- ◆ Don't pick up hitchhikers or strangers.
- ◆ If you see someone having car trouble, resist the urge to help them. Instead, go to the nearest phone and call the police. They will be glad to help.
- ◆ To prevent theft, don't pack your vehicle until you are ready to leave.

source: Mike Waldrop, crime prevention officer for campus police

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Opinion

Hark, the Herald angels sing

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening... In Big Red Way the snow is glistening (over speed humps). We're strolling along (holding to handrails), singing a song, walking in a winter Hilltopper land.

Every year, in the spirit of the season, the Herald gives gifts to those people and organizations that have gone the extra mile, neglected others in their endeavors or made a difference with their efforts for Western. So not to delay, let the gift giving begin.

◆ The lyrical mood of Christmas songs come to mind for a few skilled laborers and President Thomas Meredith. In the meadow we can build E.A. Diddle Memorial Park... and Meredith did just that. He gets a personalized park bench for a job well done.

◆ Dorm residents get oxygen masks that drop from the ceiling in case of fire. If you are traveling with a child, please secure your mask and then assist the child. And don't forget — your mattress can be used as a flotation device!

◆ All university farm employees receive night-vision goggles so they don't fall into another dump... err... sinkhole on Western's farm.

◆ Another copy of Black's Law Dictionary goes to University Attorney Deborah Wilkins, since she obviously didn't use the one we gave her last year. Hint — look up the definition of

"conflict of interest."

◆ ADA coordinator Huda Melky gets handrails. Oh, wait — that goes hand-in-hand with Wilkins' gift above.

◆ The Kappa Sigmas receive Prozac for those former Kappa Sig fraternity members' support group meetings.

◆ Leslie Johnson and the Lady Toppers get a well deserved NCAA championship.

◆ Every Western student gets new shocks and a "Dukes of Hazzard" revelry horn to blow when they drive over the new speed humps.

◆ Talisman Xposure gets a National Pacemaker Award for yearbooks. Oops, they already got that. Too bad the campus doesn't recognize the nationally-renowned publication.

◆ Delta Tau Delta fraternity pledges get trench coats. Maybe they can flash people instead of streaking downtown.

◆ For their excellent recycling program on campus, the Herald gives Southern Recycling a copy of Michael Jackson's "Heal the World."

◆ Antwan Floyd gets a new pair of cleats because he wore his out breaking the all-time rushing record. Heck, throw in a pair for everybody on the football team for a good season.

◆ The December graduates get passing grades and our best wishes.

All the season's best to everyone at Western. Celebrate, meditate or collaborate with family and friends, and enjoy the holidays away from school.



◆ Letters to the editor

Students uninformed

Obviously the students interviewed by Stephen Lega about the SOS program did not understand what SOS is.

SOS is not a community service program. SOS is not intended for students who prefer to drink for fun. SOS is not "like MASTER Plan" (which is an orientation to campus life).

SOS is a fund to support student planned activities that don't include drinking.

SOS is intended to help students increase their opportunities for social programs (i.e., pizza parties, club outings, trips to Opryland, etc.).

SOS is an effort to highlight the fact that most students have lives that don't totally revolve around drinking. They want lives filled with love, adventure, intimacy and challenge. They can get

there without drinking. If you're interested, give us a call at 745-5643.

Mary E. Wilfert, coordinator of health education Student Health and Wellness Center

Censoring justified

An article was written on the opinion page of the Nov. 26 Herald protesting Wal-Mart's censoring of music lyrics and profanity in movies. I strongly disagree with the opinion of the writer.

Wal-Mart should have every right to censor the items sold out of its stores. The statement was made several times that shoppers should be able to purchase the products they want in original form.

They can certainly be purchased in their original form, just not in Wal-Mart stores. Also, it was said Wal-Mart is deciding

what is decent and moral for America. This is not true.

If Wal-Mart wanted to decide what was decent and moral for America and implement it, the corporation would have to own everything and everyone in the country and force everyone to meet its standards.

Wal-Mart simply decides what is decent and morally acceptable for its company policies and the standards that it is trying to represent.

Another statement that was made was that parents should censor what their children watch or listen to, not Wal-Mart.

This is very true. The responsibility falls on the parents if they want their children listening to or watching movies without all the vulgarities, but many times they are hard to find.

Some people appreciate what Wal-Mart is doing. Now they can

watch a movie and enjoy it without having to listen to all the profanity that they don't want to expose their children or themselves to. Wal-Mart has provided an alternative for the ones with different moral standards.

In closing, Wal-Mart is not censoring the entire market, just the items sold at its stores. If you want to hear the profanity, buy your products at another store, and thank you Wal-Mart for helping us who don't.

William Ramsey Allison Jr. LaGrange junior

Letter is ignorant

First of all, while I admire and respect Darryn Simmons' thought-provoking commentary, I must take issue with those who choose to disagree with Mr. Simmons' point-of-view by engaging in personal attacks on

both Mr. Simmons and the African-American community at large.

Steve Sewell writes that "the primary group practicing racism is black... What with Black Greek Week, Black History Week, Black Awareness Week, Black Student Fellowship, the Miss Black Western Pageant, Black Student Alliance (each of which would be illegal if "white" were inserted instead of "black")..."

In our society, it has been convenient to play the "blame game." The fact of the matter is that for generation after generation, African Americans suffered constant degradation. Americans conceived and perpetuated the idea of separatism simply lacks the force of all reasonable logic.

Kip Carr Bowling Green sophomore

People poll

◆ What is your favorite holiday movie and why?



"Miracle on 34th Street" because it makes me believe in Christmas."

Leslie Zena, Chalybeate sophomore



"Rudolph" because I've been watching it since I was small."

Quon Danzy, freshman from Tallahassee, Fla.



"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" because it reminds me of my dysfunctional family back home."

Shelby White, freshman from Lewisburg, Ind.



"Christmas Story" because I remember when I was a little kid we would talk about what we were getting."

Daniel Othman, freshman from Franklin, Tenn.



"My favorite movie is 'Christmas Story' because it reminds everybody of when they were kids."

Billy Beas, Louisville sophomore

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Forum

Censorship passes on ignorance

Seemingly, the politically correct world knows no bounds. Whether justified by religion, tradition or progressive societal mores, the public school system in the United States seems to be having a problem with censorship.

Take the recent example of Karla Chapman, an eighth-grader in Pike County suspended from school because of her choice of lipstick.

The Runyon Elementary School student has been missing school since Nov. 13 for glossing her lips black, considered "distracting" by school officials.

Those same officials told Chapman that she should basically play "hooky" until she conforms to the principal's demands.

Wasn't it only a couple weeks ago when a

Pulaski County judge refused to allow a female student donning a lip ring back to class? Or, how about the case of a Jefferson County teen whose braided hair was too much for dress-code enforcers?

Maybe you remember the Marshall County superintendent who authorized that textbook pages be glued together to prevent the reading of the "not biblical" concept of evolution.

These cases may smack some as mere stupidity, or just another instance of authorities with time on their hands. I have a different word to describe it. Censorship.

Webster's Dictionary calls censorship "the enabling and ordering the activity of cen-

sors," those who decide what qualifies as a First Amendment right and what doesn't.

In the case of some Kentucky school officials,

Matt Batchelder
Commentary



that's not much.

I'm not just picking on Kentucky, however.

I can recall a case where an out-of-state high school student was found carrying silverware out of the cafeteria, enacting the wrath of school weapon policies.

Cases of book banning in

school libraries have also been distributed fairly from sea to shining sea.

The "Banned Books Online" web page offers several such cases of censorship.

Shakespeare has become a popular author to censor. Just this year, students in Merrimack, N.H., were denied "Twelfth Night" because it violated the "prohibition of alternative lifestyle instruction" act.

It seems the famous novel includes "romantic entanglements" in which a female dresses up as a boy.

Another recent inductee in my "Censorship Hall of Shame" hails from a 1989 ban of "Little Red Riding Hood" from two California school districts. The Brothers Grimm had the heroine taking food and wine to her grandmother in the original tale, raising district concerns about the use of alcohol. This is ridiculous.

I could go on and on, but the

question remains: What effect does censorship have on students? After all, they are juveniles without complete First Amendment rights, say some school officials.

I think censorship has a chilling effect. When you begin to deny students or anyone information, or their own free expression, you cheapen their individuality.

When a controversial book is banned or a theory (such as evolution) is denied to students, their view of the world is narrowed and they are inclined to pass on that ignorance to future generations.

We can hope that such censorship never becomes rooted in universities such as Western.

When incoming students have been raised in an environment of censorship, you can only wonder.

Editor's Note: Matt Batchelder is a freshman print journalism major from Bardonia.

Remember kids during Christmas

I remember as a child waking up on Christmas morning and running into the living room.

The joy of seeing all the presents filled my tiny heart with tremendous excitement.

Most of you remember this feeling.

But some kids never have this opportunity, and this year more will be added to the enormous list.

Every year when Christmas rolls around some people try to help the less fortunate.

Advanced Auto Parts, in connection with the Marine Corps program "Toys for Tots," is one business asking for help to give less fortunate kids a Christmas to remember.

After hearing there were going to be small children without any toys this holiday season, I wanted to share the love I've felt while growing up. I was sure as I took my few gifts to the drop-off that the box would be full.

The truth of the empty box hit me straight in the heart.

It was as if every good deed

ever done in the world was crushed by that one empty red box. I understand that spending \$1 or \$2 for a child you don't know is an unbearable expense. However, we should all be able to pry open our hearts and our wallets for some less fortunate children. These kids just want the opportunity

to wonder, to dream and to experience the joy of Christmas.

They want the chance to be a kid.

I know some people, after reading this, will still be unable to

allow these children one joyful day in their life.

Hopefully some people will remember what it was like to be a kid and allow themselves to donate at least one single toy.

Everyone has heard the saying, "One person can make a difference."

In this situation we need to all work together as one.

If you decide against helping a poor little kid, at least think of them this Christmas. While you're being blessed with all of your Christmas gifts, some child sits with no presents, wondering why Santa didn't bring him anything.

Editor's note: Bergen LaBelle is a freshman small business management major from Blackshear, Ga.

Bergen LaBelle

Commentary



People shouldn't trade in values

People are always changing. They never remain the same. It's like people think if they don't change, something in their body will not function if there is consistency.

Think about it. How many times has your favorite color changed? Or your favorite food? And what about your favorite subject? What you want to be when you "grow up"? Or what kind of car you want to drive? The list of things that people change on is longer than anyone would want to read, but I think you get my point.

What I'm worried about though is people's values changing. When people come to someplace new (yet another change) they have a tendency to change something about themselves. Maybe it's just the way they pronounce a word or something tiny like that, but what about when it's their entire belief system?

I know people who, when they came to college, changed everything about them. I don't know if it was because of the "friends" they acquired at school, the "new-found knowl-

edge" they now had, or just that they had finally broke free of the binding restraints that were there at home. For whatever reason though, these people changed — and drastically.

Yeah, it's one thing to change your clothing style since you move away from home and become your own person, but it's another thing to change your beliefs about whether or not there is any such thing as religion and if it's for you, to contemplate the so-called "health benefits" of smoking pot or to abandon morality when it comes to relationships.

People need to be more secure in the way they think and

feel about certain things — major things. Other people's influences should not be able to cause you to recreate your own beliefs — you know, the ones you used to think strongly about. People need to be strong enough to stand on their own, regardless of the pressure put on them by everyone else.

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for exploring and incorporating different belief systems, but I'm strongly against abandoning my own and everyone else doing the same. I was not raised to give in easily on anything or for anyone. My morals and values are certainly one of the things that I find hard to lose or give up.

Everyone should be strong enough to stand up for what they believe in. If you are one of the people who are constantly changing to fit everyone else's beliefs, I ask you this question: If you can't support and believe in yourself, then who can you believe in?

Editor's note: Cara VanWinkle is a sophomore print journalism major from Eminence.

Cara VanWinkle
Commentary



Damaged rooms still being used

BY SHANNON BACK

When part of Cherry Hall's roof collapsed last February, it put a chaotic twist on the everyday functioning of the philosophy and religion department located on the third floor.

"Our offices were flooded and about six classrooms were ruined," office associate Paula Johnson said. "I wouldn't say it fell in on us, but the roof was really old and it deteriorated."

Mark Struss, Facilities Management director, compared the old roof to a delicate piece of glass.

"The roofing system just failed," Struss said. "It grew old, cracked and fell."

The philosophy and religion department is still coping with plaster and water damage.

"We had to move the classes into other rooms last year," Johnson said. "This fall our classes are so full that we've had to use the damaged rooms anyway."

For safety reasons, Johnson inspects the classrooms each morning before classes.

Struss said shortly after the roofing problem in February, several layers of felt, insulation and oil were applied to the damaged area to form a temporary roof.

Geoghegan Roofing received the contract Oct. 13 to repair the roof.

University Architect Paul Morgan said completion is due on or before Jan. 13.

Geoghegan foreman Gary Finn said he hoped to finish the job sooner, but weather conditions have slowed down progress.

"Everything depends on how the weather cooperates," Finn said. "Every time it rains, it sets us back."

Fighting the rain has been an ongoing battle for not only

Finn's crew, but also for students and employees below the temporary roof.

"Those six damaged rooms are the ones most affected by the rain," Johnson said. "We just use the rooms and hope nothing drastic happens. We are trying to make it as small of a problem for students as possible, but there is only so much we can do."

The damaged rooms will be repaired as soon as the new roof is completed, Morgan said.

Alan Anderson, philosophy and religion department head, said the situation has made a mess of his department.

"We've had to live with this for a year," he said. "We've had to deal with periodic leaks and falling plaster in classrooms. A lot of professors have had book damages that we don't have the money to replace."

Johnson said no equipment has been damaged and they work around problems as they arise.

"We got really sick from the smell the first couple of days they worked on the roof," she said. "We even had to move a couple of classes because of noise. But we are so glad they are here fixing it that we are not complaining."

The roof, however, has given some plenty to complain about.

"We've had to cover our books with plastic, and once we had to evacuate the whole floor because of the tar fumes," Anderson said. "It's not bad for an hour, but for those of us who are here all day, it's a bad situation."

Despite obstacles Johnson's department sometimes faces, she said she is thankful it hasn't been worse.

"All in all we have been lucky so far," Johnson said. "No one's been hurt, and hopefully it's almost over."

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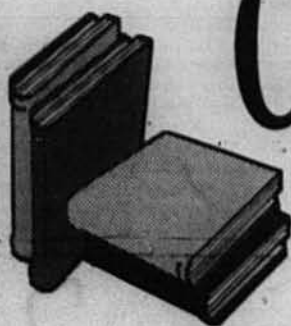
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Students to help students with addictions

BY KIM LEONARD

Students with drug and alcohol problems will be able to talk to students who have experienced the same problems as them.

"I feel like drugs are a problem on campus," said Louisville junior David Apple, an SGA member. "I've been talking to a lot of students on campus, and it seems like a lot has been going on in their life."

SGA members passed a resolution Tuesday night that will establish peer counseling groups for students with drug and alcohol problems.

The program will be backed by the Counseling Services Center and Residence Life, but the students will be conducting sessions, Apple said, of the author's bill. Although a university counselor will monitor the meetings, students who have overcome problems with drugs and alcohol will talk to students who need help.

Having a more student-oriented environment will allow students to share their prob-

lems and experiences with each other, Apple said.

"It would be more like friends talking to friends than actual counseling," he said. "We'd be able to just sit and talk about what's going on."

Brea Holland, a sophomore from Greenbrier, Tenn., said peer counseling will be beneficial to students.

"It would be easier to talk to another student than someone older," she said.

Russell Springs junior Chastity Gosser said it will be good for students to be able to talk to someone who has experienced the same problems as them.

"It'll be very good because drugs and alcohol are a big problem on campus," she said. "You could talk to people your own age that have had the same problem."

Apple said the program will help students explore options besides drugs.

"They'll be able to see that they can change if they want to, and it will show them there is more to life than drugs," he said.

Staff Psychologist Karl Laves said the counseling center has a strong commitment to work with any student organization, and he said this type of program is beneficial.

"With adequate planning, peer counseling is extremely successful with these kind of addictions," Laves said.

According to Apple, the peer program won't cost anything because students will participate on a volunteer basis. The first peer counseling session is scheduled to be held in January.

Dorm fees questioned

SGA members also passed two resolutions concerning housing fees.

One recommends a new policy on housing refunds which will allow students who move out of the dorms during the semester to get some of their money back.

Rick Malek, a senior from Florida, N.Y., said he wrote both of the resolutions because of his experiences with housing.

"I found myself in this situa-

tion," he said. "I moved out with six weeks left in the semester, and I was appalled to find out that I got no money back."

The Housing office's current policy grants a partial refund only to students who move out in the first seven weeks of the semester.

The resolution suggests students should get a refund at any time during the semester with minimal penalty.

"If you move out with 10 weeks left in the semester, you get nothing back, but a person just checking into the dorm would have to pay say \$400," he said.

"I think you should get the \$400 minus two weeks' rent."

"No one will pay that much in the real world to live in a place in the condition the dorms are in."

The other resolution suggests the housing agreement period be based on a semester instead of a year. This would allow students moving out of the dorms between semesters to get their deposit refunded.

Housing officials could not

be reached for comment.

Malek said the only reason students should not get their deposit back is if their room is damaged.

Louisville junior Andy Gailor, SGA's junior off-campus representative, said he agreed with the legislation.

"I'm in favor of any resolution that gives money back to students," he said.

Sonora junior Jennifer Miller said the housing payment should be based on how long the student lives in the dorm.

"It should be a trial thing," she said. "If you don't like it and move out, you should be able to get back some money. You should only have to pay for the time you live there."

New Coed representative Jamie Flite, a sophomore from Hermitage, Tenn., disagrees.

"When you sign the agreement, you sign saying that you understand and agree to all the rules," she said.

"There's not going to be any landlord that you wouldn't be punished for breaking the agreement."

RECYCLE: Bins to be 'desk-side'

BY SHANNON BACK

Instead of tossing trash into a can beside their desk, Western employees will use a different method to dispose of recyclables next semester.

Mark Struss, Facilities Management director, said Western will order 1,200 desk-side containers for recycling to be used in all administrative buildings.

"There will be one standard desk container and several different-sized containers at their desk," he said. "The trash will be gathered from the small containers and emptied into larger ones to be recycled."

There will be containers for glass, plastic, newspapers and computer paper, Struss said. Larger containers for computer paper can be requested.

Aluminum cans are not part of the project because many departments recycle cans.

"I didn't see the need to deprive people of the money they get from the cans," he said. "Many departments use that money to purchase things they need."

Southern Recycling received a five-year contract to empty the containers. However, Western is still accepting bids for containers.

"In the original proposal, we asked vendors to provide the containers," Struss said. "But we weren't satisfied with the bids. It is more economical this way."

David Bradford, owner of Southern Recycling, said there is a monthly published index of the costs of recycled materials. The cost fluctuates according to demand.

"The amount of money Western makes depends 100 percent on their participation and the amount they recycle," he said.

Although this program is for administrative buildings, Struss said he hopes to expand.

"After we get this program going, we are going to try to develop a different system for the dorms," he said. "There is still an issue about what we would collect."

Struss said if the program does expand to dorms, there would be containers inside the dorms that would be emptied into dumpsters at curb sites.

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PRIVATE: Plan ready

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and continue university operation of the bookstore, instead of turning daily operations over to a private company.

Jim Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration, agreed with the committee's recommendation and forwarded it to President Thomas Meredith, who also accepted the decision.

Purchasing director Willie Carter said the four proposals would become public record when the announcement is made officially.

Osborne said yesterday the official announcement would be made at 7:30 this morning, at which time the bookstore employees would be informed of the decision.

McDougal said the university intends to complete the renovations of the bookstore in time for the 1997 fall semester.

The committee has recommended the following:

◆ Western should invest \$400,000 into renovation, facilities and equipment in the bookstore.

In the Oct. 8 issue of the Herald, Osborne said the cost of the renovations would not affect the university's education and general reserve.

He said the expense of the renovations would be covered by a state bond issue. The bookstore would then repay the debt to the state, he said.

◆ Technological improvements should be made to enhance customer service and inventory control.

Osborne said one specific improvement is to install a point-of-sale system. This is an inventory system similar to the ones used at grocery and retail stores, he said.

◆ The bookstore should expand weekday hours until 7 p.m. and establish a regular Sunday schedule.

◆ A Bookstore Advisory Committee should be created.

The advisory committee is intended to provide greater feedback to the bookstore management. Students, faculty and staff would serve on the committee.

Rick Malek, a senior from Florida, N.Y., and a student representative on the bookstore committee, said the addition of the committee made the proposal much better.

"It's acceptable in light of the fact there will be an additional committee that will push for student concerns regarding the bookstore," he said. "Without that, it would not be acceptable."

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Student faces charges after fatal accident

A Western student was charged with driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia in relation to a fatal vehicle accident at 9 p.m. Nov. 25.

According to police reports, Finchville freshman Jeffrey Young was traveling northbound on Kentucky 185 when his 1988 Nissan pickup left the roadway.

Reports said the vehicle ran into a ditch and struck a driveway culvert, causing the vehicle to overturn several times before coming to a final rest upright in the roadway.

Passenger Jeffrey Sheppard, 18, of Warren County, was thrown from the vehicle and died of complications from injuries received in the accident.

Young and another passenger, Nicholas Hudson, 18, of Warren County, were treated and released from The Medical Center at Bowling Green.

The Kentucky State Police are continuing an investigation of the crash.

Two forums set for tomorrow

Faculty and students will have a chance to ask any lingering questions they might have about the University College.

Yesterday, Jackie Addington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, sent e-mail to deans, department heads, faculty and staff to announce the university would be holding forums on the University College and freshman seminar.

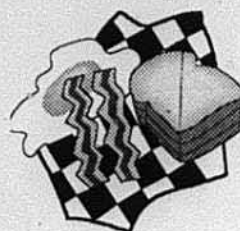
The first forum is scheduled to be held from 10:30 to 11:30 tomorrow morning in Downing University Center, Room 226.

The second forum is scheduled to be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room in Potter Hall.

Addington also sent a question-and-answer communique about the University College and the freshman seminar with her e-mail



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Foundation wants 'more aggressive' funding

By Fred Lucas

Western will be deciding today how much time they should spend raising money.

President Thomas Meredith and Fred Hensley, vice president for Institutional Advancement, will be meeting with representatives from the Bentz, Whaley and Flessner firm in Nashville to outline a time frame for the feasibility study of a major gifts campaign.

The campaign for major gifts, which are \$10,000 or more, is expected to last three to five years, Hensley said.

A timeline for the feasibility study to determine how much money can be raised will begin in January. It is expected to last 30 to 90 days.

Hensley said the campaign will go through a number of stages, first being the study. Then there will be a silent phase where potential donors will be approached. The final stage will be the public announcement.

The campaign should start no later than Spring 1998, he said.

The foundation received a needs list from each college, Hensley said.

"We don't determine the needs list — that comes from academic areas," he said. "It's like someone handing you a shopping list and saying here's what I need."

Meredith said he is reviewing the list and hopes to have it "prioritized for the university as a whole" by January.

The foundation is also acquiring faculty, staff and students to serve on a voluntary committee to decide where the funds will go.

Hensley said there will be six committees with about 10 to 15 members. There will be a major gifts committee for each college

as well as an overall committee.

The campaign would be campuswide, and faculty would be encouraged to participate, he said.

"Most donors want to interact directly with faculty members who are going to benefit from the gift," Hensley said. "They want to see what difference the gift is going to make."

Traditionally, the journalism, accounting and agriculture departments have received the most money, he said. Athletics also receive a large amount.

Hensley said Western ranks behind other state institutions,

such as the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, in the amount donated by the private sector.

Western gets 10 percent of its major gifts from alumni, compared to the national average of 20 percent, he said.

Donald Smith, Alumni Affairs director, said about 49 percent of the alumni contacted by the Phonathon contribute to Western.

"We've solicited private funds for a number of years," Hensley said. "This is just going to be more aggressive."



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New Level 'on every corner'

BY STEPHEN LEGA

In November last year, the Board of Regents approved President Thomas Meredith's plan to move the university to a new level.

And Western is moving in that direction, although some have suggested that it will still take a little more time.

"Once people see how they have a role and how it will make them better, they buy into it," said Jackie Addington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

She said it's too soon to tell how much effect New Level has had.

That doesn't mean there have been no visible effects, however.

"People are working on New Level on every corner of the campus," Meredith said.

For example, Western students are trying to add to Christmas cheer. Students will have an organized advising/support system within the next few years. And plans are in place to increase diversity on campus.

These are all being done in connection with New Level initiatives.

Graduate students in the Student Affairs office were charged with encouraging students to volunteer their services.

They participated in the Adopt-A-Child program in conjunction with Potter Children's Home, said Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs.

Western students agreed to buy Christmas gifts for children and teens at the home and today those students will drop those presents off in the lobby at Bates-Runner.

But New Level is not just about students helping the community, it's about helping students, too.

The creation of a University College and freshman seminar courses are ways Western is look-

ing to do that.

"The concept was to create a support system for incoming students," said Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs.

The University College is still pending approval by the Academic Council and the Board of Regents, but a pilot program in the freshman seminar began this year.

Another one of New Level's concepts was to improve appreciation and understanding of other cultures.

International Programs has taken an active role in this area.

Donna Cheshire, international programs and projects assistant director, said they have contacted dorm directors about having programs in the dorms in which international students can talk to American students.

This is in addition to the annual International pot luck dinner which will be held in April, Cheshire said.

But International Programs are always looking for new ideas, she said.

"We have an open-door policy," Cheshire said.

Another way Western is looking to increase diversity is by hiring more minorities and women to areas where they are under-represented on campus.

Huda Melky, Western's Affirmative Action compliance officer, developed a new hiring procedure to make sure qualified minority and female applicants are not overlooked.

"Each position that needs to be filled on this campus needs to come through my office three times," she said.

Fred Hensley, vice president for institutional advancement, said the new procedure adds a level of accountability that wasn't in place before.

According to Melky, the purpose of the new procedure is to help Western identify qualified minority and female candidates.

"We don't want to hire non-qualified minorities," she said.

The new Affirmative Action effort is intended to produce a campus that better reflects the diversity of Kentucky.

Although some New Level initiatives have already been put in place, Meredith acknowledged that progress in other areas has been slower than anticipated.

One example is Human Resources.

This unit has been charged with developing a program to enhance "the culture of administrators to think in terms of service in facilitating (the) educational mission."

"We probably won't do anything this semester," said Tony Glisson, Human Resources director.

A decision was made to delay work in this area because it is tied into the planning process and the Operational Plan, he said.

The Operational Plan is the university's business plan for the 1997-98 fiscal year. The plan will be used in the creation of the budget, which will be scheduled to be voted on by the Board of Regents in June.

A special committee appointed by Chairwoman Peggy Loafman to oversee New Level implementation will be meeting Dec. 12 to evaluate how much progress has been made, Meredith said.

Meredith and other administrators said they are pleased with what has been done so far.

Jim Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration, agreed with this assessment.

"We have seen some visible improvements," he said. "More importantly, I think we're seeing acceptance of the concept."

ALARM: Covers will not be removed soon

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she said.

Hudson said he hoped the covers were already gone, but that Western would have at least 60 days to remove them. The time frame will depend on the remedy the university proposes, he said.

"Our process is that when deficient fire safety conditions are found, the building owners/operators are notified in writing and given a chance to correct the condition," Hudson said in his written comments.

Tolbert said it could be a while before the covers are

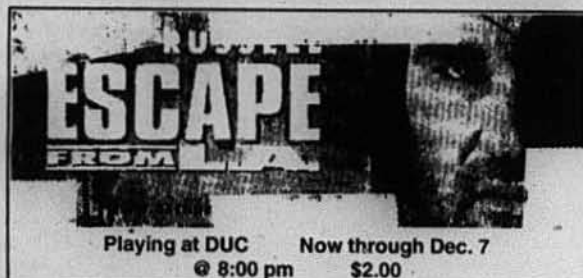
removed.

"It won't be as quick as the semester break," she said.

Replacing the current covers with factory-approved covers will be expensive, Tolbert said. Depending on the model, the covers could cost anywhere from \$14,000 to \$45,000, she said.

Louisville junior Bill Skaggs, a resident assistant who tried to break several covers during the Gilbert fire, said the new covers would be worth the cost.

"If it saves a student's life, I think it is worth it," Skaggs said. "I think removing the covers will do a lot of good."



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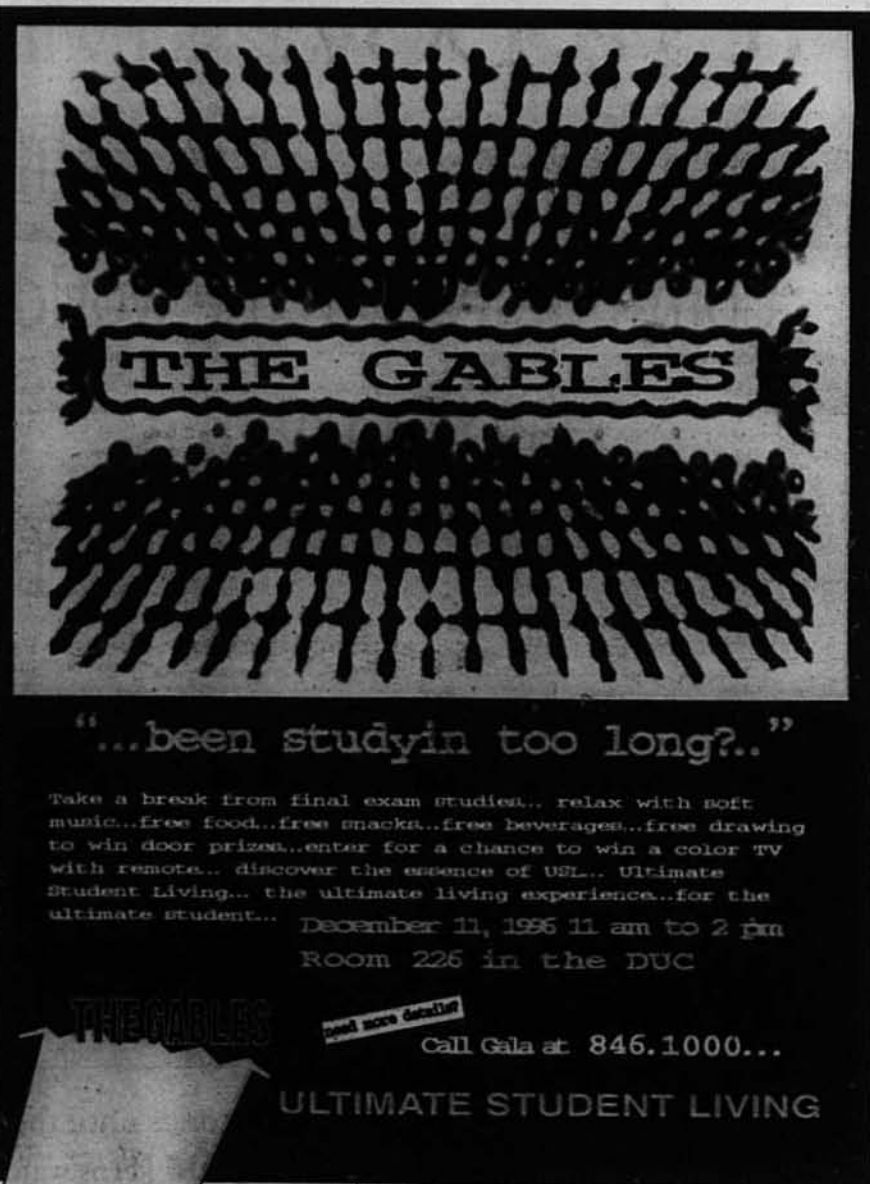
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Xposure receives award

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Western's 1994-95 Talisman Xposure, a three-volume year-book magazine, was named one of the top five yearbooks in the country at the National Media Convention.

Talisman Xposure received a national Pacemaker Award by the Associated Collegiate Press. This award was the seventh national Pacemaker Award for the Talisman, the first since 1988.

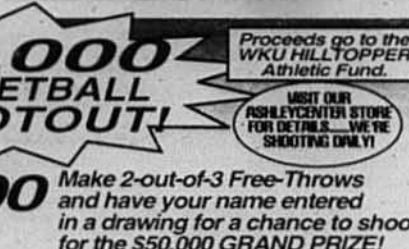
Because of low student interest coupled with low sales, Xposure editors decided this fall to change the format of the publication to a free monthly magazine.

However, the university decided to put the publication on hold to see if any other options were available. Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, appointed a task force to look for alternatives. No decision has been made.

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Flip, Dial and Talk



Students gab with cellular communication

Story by Travis Mayo ♦ Photo illustration by James Glover II

The ring can be heard anywhere today. As we near the next millennium, the world of communication may be at an all-time high. From modems and electronic mail to pagers and cellular phones, there are now countless ways to communicate with others.

Perhaps the most popular technological way to speak to someone is the cellular phone. Whether on the road or walking to class, with the touch of a button a person can be dialed in to a conversation in no time at all.

"I got one for the convenience of being in touch," Daren Johnson said.

Johnson, the manager of Cellular Connection in Greenwood Mall, said having a cellular phone is a necessity for his job.

"When you're in sales, if there's someone looking for you, it's important that you can be reached all the time," he said.

While Johnson wanted to stay in touch, there are many other reasons for having a cellular phone.

"For business, you can make better use of your time and improve communication," Kelly Colovos said.

Colovos, the area sales manager for United

States Cellular in Bowling Green, stressed the importance of having cellular phones for safety reasons.

"There's no telling how many lives are saved by these things," he said.

Safety is the reason Paducah senior Sybil Mathis has a cellular phone.

"You have constant communication, never miss a call, and it makes your life a whole lot easier."

*Tim Maloney
manager of The Cellular Store*

"I live in Paducah, and I have to travel back and forth, so I have one for safety purposes," she said.

Mathis also said she probably only uses the phone three to five times a month.

For Tim Maloney, manager of The Cellular Store in Bowling Green, convenience is the answer for having a cellular phone.

"You have constant communication, never miss a call, and it makes your life a whole lot

easier," Maloney said.

And while cellular phones are popular in the professional world, students are also flipping and dialing.

"A lot of Western students are getting cellular phones," Johnson said.

Jonas Davenport, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., said he has a phone to keep in touch with his family.

"My dad got it for me just so he can get in touch with me wherever I am," Davenport said.

As Johnson pointed out, people from all different walks of life are going cellular.

"When I started selling them about four years ago, it was mostly professional people getting them, but that has changed," he said.

For Colovos, cellular phones are a new service his office is offering that seems to be attracting students. His Tracker Prepay Cellular Service has attracted many college students to the store.

"You pay before you talk, according to how long you think you will talk each month, and there's no agreement," he said.

Johnson said women are buying more cellular

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♦ Movie review

ASSIMILATE: See 'Star Trek'

♦ 'Star Trek: First Contact,' rated PG-13, stars Patrick Stewart
★★★★ for Trekkies

BY RYAN CRAIG

Just how good is "Star Trek: First Contact?" I'm glad you asked.

I remember one summer I spent waiting for the conclusion of the season finale on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," so I could see if the United Federation of Planets would survive an attack by the baddest of bad guys — the Borg.

The Enterprise and her crew won, but just barely. The Borg, a race of cybernetic humanoids who have a social system like a colony of ants on acid, are without a doubt the meanest and most unstoppable enemy in all of the "Star Trek" episodes. Their mission: to "assimilate," or absorb, all of the other beings with which they come in contact. And Earth is on the top of the list.

All of the original crew is

back from the TV show and, like the last movie, Dr. Beverly Crusher (Gates McFadden) and Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis) are poorly used, which is perhaps the only thing wrong with this movie.

The good news is the writers used the movie like a regular TV show with a big budget. The plot is about how the Borg, who know they can't beat the Federation now because of Capt. Picard (who was temporarily a Borg), decide to go back in time and take over Earth before humans had the ability to travel in space. The first contact with alien races occurs shortly after this, and that's what the Borg wants to stop. Later you find out some more very interesting stuff about the "origin" of series creator Gene Roddenberry's universe.

To the true fan, you will be a little distracted by the new Enterprise "E" and the dark look that it has. It doesn't fit the models of the other Enterprises before it, but it does fit the mood of this movie.

Once again Data (Brent Spiner) and Worf (Michael Dorn) steal the show as they did in a

great majority of the regular series. Data is this machine that tries to be human, but ends up being more humane than any other character in this movie with his comic relief and his child-like emotional outlook on life. And Worf ... well, he's just good at being a Klingon, slicing up Borg like the Happy Gourmet on a pile of shrimp.

Then there is the eternal struggle between Picard (Patrick Stewart) and the Borg that parallels Melville's "Moby Dick." This gives us some insight into his sometimes bizarre actions.

The "control captain" comes unglued at the thought of destroying the enemy that caused so much misery.

This is without a doubt the best Star Trek movie ever, and I recommend it to all people, big and small. This is a film that is the best of a genre that has faltered since the height of its popularity a few years ago. Sci-fi is big, with shows and movies like "The X-Files" and "Independence Day," but when the granddaddy of all science fiction roars, you must listen.

CELLULAR: Phones are affordable

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phones than anyone else right now.

"Probably, right now, the group of people that buy the most phones are women between the ages of 20 and 40," he said.

According to the magazine Cellular Marketing, emergency use is what cellular phones are mostly used for today. Eighty-eight percent of all cellular phones are sold to people wanting them for emergency use, and 50,000 emergency calls are made daily. The magazine also said 97 percent of all travelers feel safer with cellular phones.

The declining cost of cellular phones has also helped the popularity of the way of communication.

"They have become affordable lately, which has helped the popularity of cellular phones," Johnson said.

For Bluegrass Cellular and its

agents (The Cellular Store and Cellular Connection), prices vary with each package plan. Depending on the package, prices could go from \$19.95 to \$294.95 a month.

The plans offer a certain amount of minutes the consumer can use with the cellular phone each month, in the designated local area. The basic plan includes zero minutes per month, and the most expensive plan includes 1,000 minutes per month.

"Of course, on cellular, the more you talk, the more your package prices can go up," Maloney said.

At United States Cellular, prices range anywhere from \$17.95 to \$200.00 a month.

"We can provide a plan to suit anybody's needs," Colovos said.

According to the manager, United States Cellular is the seventh largest company in the

country, with over one million customers. He also said they hope to be at roughly three million customers by the year 2000.

According to local stores, many cellular phones are sold in Bowling Green each year. Maloney said more than a thousand are sold by his company each year. Others said about 500 are sold each month in Bowling Green.

Johnson said it is important for consumers to have choices when choosing a cellular service company.

"Not only is it important to find a nice phone, but it is also important to look at the company you're signing up for service, depending on the major area of use for the cellular phone," he said.

Johnson added that cellular phones are just right for the holiday season.

"They make great Christmas gifts," he said.

Around Town

December

Today — "The Star of Bethlehem"
Hardin Planetarium, 7:30 p.m.

Today — "Holiday Pops"
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Sunday — "The Star of Bethlehem"
Hardin Planetarium, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 12, 15 — "The Star of Bethlehem"
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Sports

Three-day invitational challenges swimmers

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

Junior swimmer Brian Howard had to endure the ridicule and opinions of his peers during his senior year at Anderson High School in Cincinnati.

Once word got out that he'd be swimming for Western, they said he was making a mistake by not going to a powerhouse program like Michigan.

Those same friends have continued to question his decision whenever he returns home.

Howard is eager to make them eat their words over the next three days as the Hilltoppers compete in Oxford, Ohio.

"I have friends who swim for Michigan, Cincinnati, Toledo and some other schools, and I want to swim well just to get them back," Howard said.

"They used to tell me we didn't have a top-notch program, now I want to prove them wrong."

Western will face a field that includes Wright State, Ball State (who they defeated Nov. 23), Drury College, Valparaiso, Kenyon College, Missouri and Oberlin College in addition to Michigan and Illinois.

The three-day meet, which starts today, will be one that Western coach Bill Powell expects to be very competitive and a meet he will use strictly for competition.

"I look for us to be in the middle of the pack," Powell said.

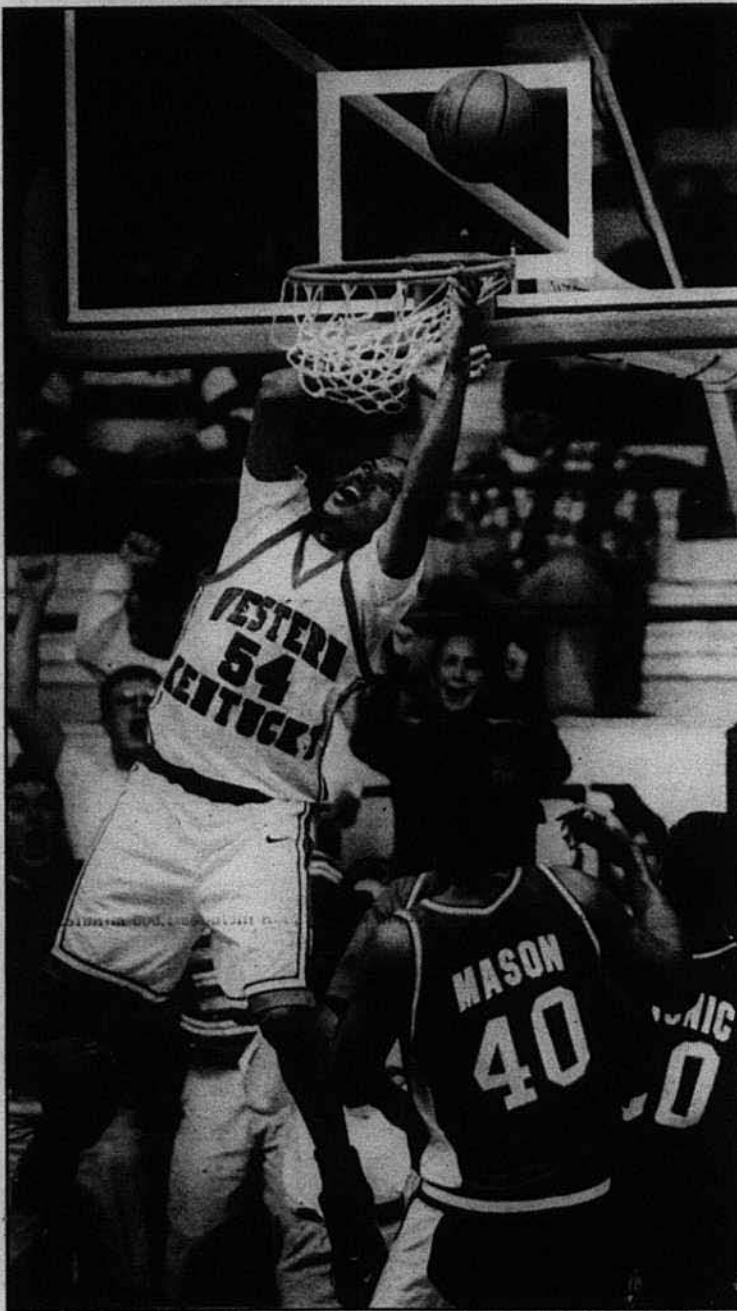
"Kenyon has won 20-straight Division III championships so it will be a tough test. The team contest is not a big factor to me. We just need competition to push ourselves."

Western placed fourth last year after being disqualified for an illegal touch at the wall in the 800-yard freestyle relay during the first day of competition. The host team, Miami of Ohio, won the invitational.

The meet will consist of morning and evening heats each day

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Hilltoppers beat Duquesne 89-82



Junior forward Steven Blides misses a dunk in the first half of last night's win.

Will Chandler/Herald

◆ Western won its third-straight game last night at Diddle Arena

BY MIKE FINCH

Western coach Matt Kilcullen set a goal for his player's after losing the season opener at Xavier — win the next three home games. His players achieved that goal, sweeping the early home stretch by defeating Duquesne 89-82 last night in Diddle Arena.

"Tonight was a tremendous team effort," Kilcullen said. "I have to credit Assistant coach Al Seibert with a terrific scouting job and the players for taking the game plan and playing their butts off."

Western broke out early, going on a 10-2 run. The Dukes (2-1) cut the lead to four at 10-6 before the Hilltoppers went on an 18-5 run.

"It was an uphill battle tonight," Dukes coach Scott Edgar said. "We prepared for this game as hard as any since I've been here at Duquesne. I have to give Western credit for being more aggressive than us early."

Edgar said the Hilltoppers exploited the Dukes' weakness: ball handling.

"You never want to expose your weakness," he said. "Ours is ball handling. They pressed us very well, and we didn't execute against the press as a unit tonight."

Sophomore guard Joe Harney led the Hilltoppers in scoring for the second straight game, with 17 points. The Hilltoppers also got the best performance of junior forward/cen

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Stockton trades cleats for sneakers

BY JERRY BREWER

He is, figuratively speaking, a giant on the football field, boldly strutting around and always at the center of the opposing team's defensive strategy.

But last night Joey Stockton traded his football cleats for black and white Nike shoes and replaced the somewhat soft green grass at Felix Field with the hardwood floor at Diddle Arena.

"He's not the first football player to ever come onto the team," Western coach Matt Kilcullen said after his Hilltoppers beat Duquesne 89-82 last night. "He's a tough kid. He plays good defense. Hopefully, we can get him in sometime this year."

Stockton, dressing in his first game after walking onto the basketball team two weeks ago, didn't play against the Dukes, but his presence might have been enough.

"Is that Joey Stockton?" one fan asked. "What's he doing out there?"

Stockton, now a junior wide receiver/guard, was on the basketball court

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Lady Tops look for stress relief against Lady Racers

BY KEVIN KELLY

With the rush to finish overdue research papers, speeches, take-home quizzes, extra credit assignments and course projects, this week before finals is stressful enough for most Western students.

But try adding two 40-minute basketball games and four physically demanding, two-hour practices with Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford.

"Two nights ago I stayed up until 5 in the morning trying to finish a paper, and I had a test today," junior center Leslie Johnson said. "It hasn't been easy and I'm sure next week it will get even tougher."

"Regardless of what you say, of course, it drains you if you're up all night and not getting enough rest."

Sanderford hopes his No. 14 Lady Toppers (2-1) will be rest-

ed and ready to play their first regular season home game against Murray State at 7 tonight at Diddle Arena.

"We are (Murray's) big game," Sanderford said. "That's what we have to try and get across to our kids. There aren't any other big games on their schedule."

Johnson added, "To come home and actually have a crowd excited to see us play and have people rooting for you instead of against you means a lot."

The Lady Racers (1-3) return five starters to a team that finished 11-17 last season. Among those five is former Western player Stephanie Minor, who played 18 games for the Lady Toppers from 1991-1993.

Minor, a 5-11 senior center, has averaged 23 points and nine rebounds per game this season.

The Lady Toppers enter

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Laser surgery will delay McGinnis for two weeks

BY KEVIN KELLY

Western sophomore forward Jennifer McGinnis will undergo laser surgery today at Norton Hospital in Louisville to repair a ruptured disk in her lower back.

McGinnis, who transferred from Duke last year, has played in just one regular season game this year because of the injury. She will stay in the hospital overnight and is expected to start practicing in 10 days.

"I'm real discouraged, but there's nothing I can do about it," she said. "But I've got to make the best of it and come back."

Western coach Paul Sanderford said he will not seek a

medical redshirt for McGinnis because she has three years of eligibility remaining and only two years of course work to complete in order to graduate.

"I'm going to try and get her ready for Christmas," he said.

Houk hired as assistant

Former Lady Topper Debbie Houk (1991-1994) yesterday was named Western's new administrative assistant. She will replace Trina Wilson, who left last month to take a job as an assistant coach at Delaware.

Houk played in 124 games from 1991-1994 and was a member of Western's 1992 NCAA Final Four team. She will begin working Dec. 26.

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RELIEF: Michigan State here Saturday for BG Bank Classic

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tonight's game having won two straight after they broke Montana's 29-game home winning streak last Friday in Mizzoula, Mont. Western beat the Lady Griz (1-2) 81-70 in front of 4,810 fans at Dahlberg Arena.

Montana opened the game with an 11-2 run en route to a 39-37 halftime lead. Western has trailed at halftime in each of its four regular season games.

"It really concerns me," Sanderford said. "But the thing I've been impressed with is that we kept our composure. We fed on the crowd at Montana. The more the crowd got into it, the better we concentrated and the better we executed."

The Lady Toppers took the lead when sophomore forward Shea Lunsford, who scored 15 points in 14 minutes played despite being sick, hit a layup with 10:29 remaining in the game.

"Most of the day I didn't feel good enough to play," Lunsford said. "But I slept most of the day, and when I woke up I felt pretty good."

Montana came within two points with 1:25 remaining, but Western used six free throws to secure the win.

Junior forward Danielle McCulley, who is averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds per game, led Western with 18 points and 13 rebounds Friday. Johnson added 17 points and seven rebounds.

"McCulley is a heck of a player," Montana coach Robin Selvig said. "I was really impressed with her. It was a good basketball game — a good atmosphere here. Both teams played hard."

"I'd like to have the last minute and a half over and maybe we'd come out on top. It just wasn't meant to be. Western is going to have an awfully good year, I think."

Spartans visit Saturday

The Lady Toppers play Michigan State at 7 p.m. Saturday at Diddle Arena in the Bowling Green Bank Classic.

The Lady Spartans beat Western 87-63 last year and return all five starters.

"They play up-tempo pressure

basketball," Sanderford said. "It was embarrassing. They basically beat us and banged us around physically, pressed us for 40 minutes and they kept the press on until the end. I'm not saying I wouldn't have done the same thing to try and help my team."

No. 14 Western 81 Montana 70

Western (2-1)

Heikkila 0-1, 0-0, 0, Lunsford 5-10, 5-5, 15, Gamble 0-1, 0-0, 0, Johnson 8-14, 1-3, 17, Townsend 2-7, 2-2, 6, McCulley 7-15, 2-2, 18, Walz 3-9, 1-2, 9, Pinnix 1-2, 0-0, 2, Huisman 0-0, 0-0, 0, Hartley 2-4, 3-3, 7, Bronner 2-3, 0-0, 4, Allen 1-2, 1-2, 3. Totals - 31-68, 15-19 — 81.

Montana (1-2)

Koss 2-7, 2-4, 6, Turner 6-12, 1-3, 13, Redpath 8-15, 1-4, 18, Sisco 6-12, 2-2, 15, McElmurry 4-9, 0-0, 12, Cooper 1-5, 0-0, 2, Cummings 0-0, 1-2, 1, Wekler 1-3, 1-2, 3, Harrington 0-0, 0-0, 0, Sackman 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals - 28-63, 8-17 — 70.

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CLEATS: Guard hoping to catch another pass

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for the same reason he plays football — to help Western be as good a team as it can be. Only now, the 29-yards-per-kickoff returner plays a different role — backup.

"My job is to give the point guards a rest," Stockton said. "I can knock down open shots and play good defense. And I can definitely foul."

Stockton, who was a 5-9 power forward at Fort Knox High School, began his quest to make the basketball team a week after the football season was over.

"I'm in such great shape right

now," Stockton said. "We only played 11 football games this year, and I prepared myself for a national championship. My father's been urging me to tryout for a long time."

So can Stockton play? Perhaps.

But a more intriguing question may be whether Stockton will be catching any length-of-the-court baseball passes anytime soon.

"Basketball's a hobby, football's a career," he said. "But if that opportunity comes, I'll be ready to catch it. I'll be ready to dunk it, too."

Then everyone will know he can play this game.



James Glover II/Herald

Junior guard Joey Stockton, a Division I-AA All-American kick returner for the football team, watches Western win 89-82 last night.

Western 89 Duquesne 82

Duquesne (2-1)

Price 6-11, 2-2, 14, Pipkins 5-13, 3-4, 18, Mason 5-7, 1-2, 11, Bosnic 4-9, 3-3, 13, Sneed 2-3, 0-0, 4, James 2-8, 2-2, 6, Clarno 0-0, 0-0, 0, Davis 0-1, 1-2, 1, Jones 4-5, 5-5, 15, Bridges 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 28-57, 17-20, 82.

Western (3-1)

Lovan 3-8, 7-8, 13, Bides 4-12, 4-6, 12, Thomas 6-8, 2-3, 15, Harney 6-14, 0-0, 17, Divine 4-7, 5-6, 16, Farris 1-1, 0-0, 2, Williams 2-6, 9-10, 14, Chapman 0-1, 0-0, 0, Adams 0-1, 0-0, 0, Lampley 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 26-58, 27-33, 89.

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HILLTOPPERS: Harney equals career high

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ter Jermel Thomas' short career on the Hill. Thomas had 15 points and four rebounds.

The only miscue for the Hilltoppers was a wide open tomahawk dunk that senior forward Tony Lovan bricked with 16.7 seconds left in the game.

"I just tried to dunk it to hard," Lovan said. "Coach has been talking to us about our communications and dunking lately. I think he's going to show us how to dunk in practice."

The Hilltoppers (3-1) play at Wisconsin-Green Bay next at 7:35 p.m. Saturday at Brown County Arena.

Toppers beat Belmont

Career highs were the theme Monday night in the Hilltoppers' 69-44 home win against Belmont.

Sophomore guards Joe

Harney and Rob Williams set a career high in points and a career mark in steals, respectively. Harney scored a game-high 17, while Williams led the Hilltoppers with four steals.

Harney's 17 points was the second time he has set a career high this season. His previous high was 15 in the season opening loss to Xavier. The Hilltoppers took an early lead, scoring the first 15 points of the game. Belmont didn't score until the 12:08 mark in the first half.

The Hilltoppers turned the ball over nine times in the second half, to just five in the first half.

"They (Belmont) played hard, but we didn't make good decisions," he said. "Good teams don't get sloppy. We need to step up in that part of the game."

Junior forwards Steven Bides and Jermel Thomas were the only other Hilltoppers to score in double figures. Both had 10 points.

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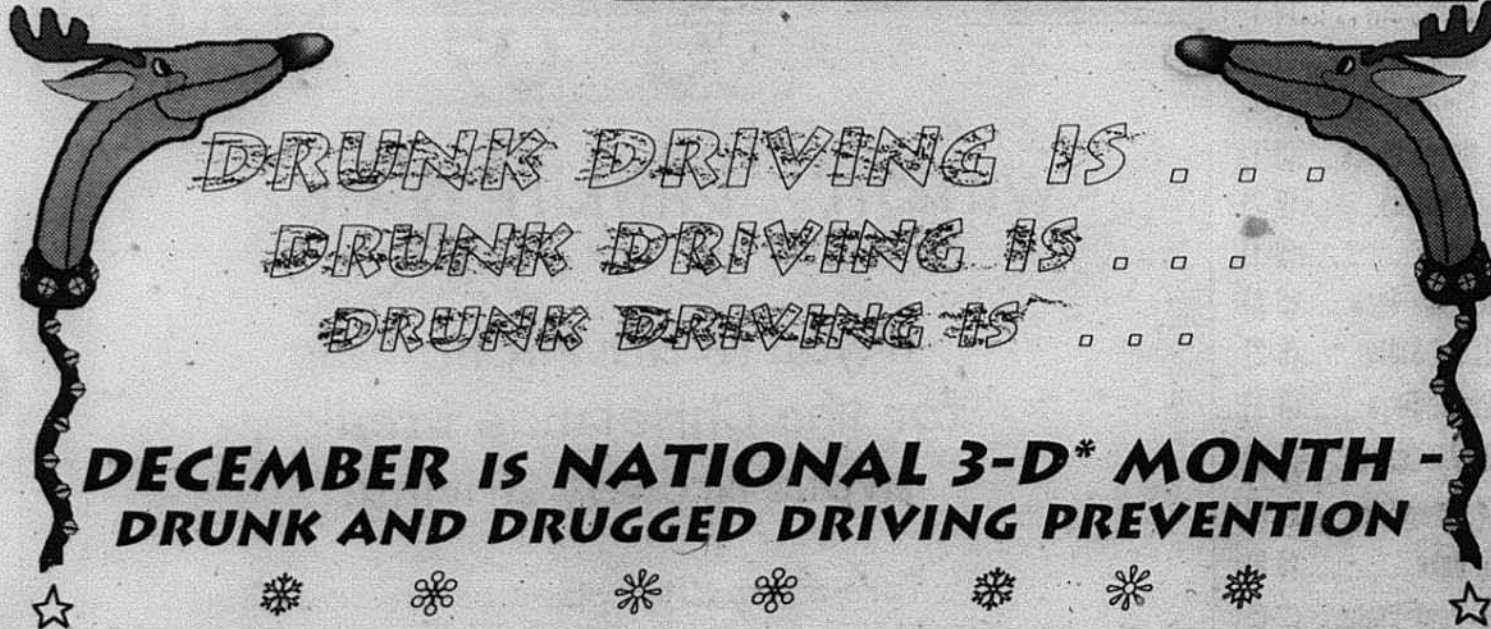
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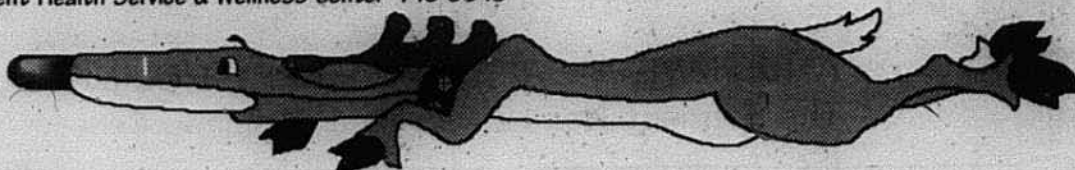
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SWIMMERS: Tops head to Florida for break

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with the top eight winners advancing to the evening heats for the championship of each event.

The ninth through 16th place finishers compete in the consolation finals every evening.

Western can finish in second or last place and not jeopardize its goal of an undefeated season because the invitational does not qualify as a dual meet.

"This is totally different from our dual meets," Powell said. "You could beat a team handily in a particular race in dual meets but lose to a lot of teams in this type of meet."

Invitational meets score first through 16th place as opposed to the dual meets that take the top five finishers. Invitationals also consist of the consolation finals that dual meets lack. This is the only meet of its type that Western will compete in until the Sun Belt Conference tournament meets in March.

Powell will have some swimmers shave down for the meet to help build confidence and make qualifying times for March, though he said not everyone will go through the process.

"It's totally up to them," he said. "It's their decision, not mine. Obviously, the ones who shave down will have better times than the ones who don't."

Shaving allows the swimmer to preform faster by reducing water drag caused by body hair.

One swimmer who will tackle that role will be Howard, who wants to improve on last year's performance when he swam in only one final — the 500 freestyle.

"I want to build on that," he said. "Shaving is more than physical, it's also mental, and you have to get prepared mentally."

Western will go into the meet as one of only six schools to hold Nixon Aquatic Center records. Senior co-captain Scott Cummins holds the record in the 500 freestyle (4:32.75) and the 1650 freestyle (15:42.20).

"A lot of the time what helps me win long distance events is the fact I know what I can and can't do," Cummins said. "And I know the ability of the other swimmer. You have to have an aggressive mind set. I'm not going to do something I know I can't accomplish."

The invitational marks the last event this fall.

The team will travel to Venice, Fla., on Dec. 27 for a two-week conditioning period, where they will practice twice a day everyday at a local YMCA Olympic-size pool.

"We'll swim 18,000 meters a day," Powell said. "It'll wear them out, but they'll have time to go to the beach. This trip is what sets up the entire spring season."

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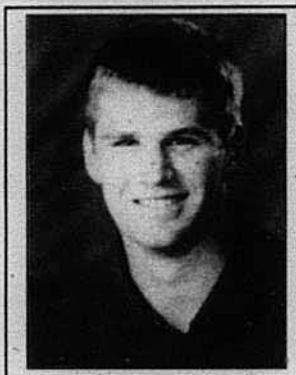
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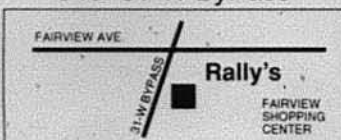
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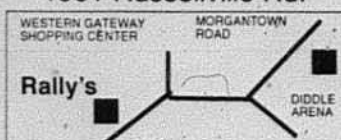
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